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Senate approves legislation to provide funding options for recycling

LANSING – Legislation to give local municipalities more options for funding recycling programs won unanimous approval from the state Senate Wednesday, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, the bill's sponsor.

Senate Bill 79 would allow local units of government to sponsor a ballot proposal to fund recycling programs. Local voters then would have an opportunity to vote on the additional funding.

“Local governments are in the best position to make decisions on how to fund services like recycling programs,” McManus said. “This bill gives our local communities more options for their recycling efforts by making it possible for them explore funding options that currently are not available to them.”

The Leelanau County Solid Waste Council has endorsed the legislation as a solution to its funding dilemma.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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